SHARIAH VS MAN-MADE LAWS

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Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh.

Dear beloved brothers and sisters in Islam.

Welcome back to another one of our sessions. The topic we are about to cover, as advertised by the admins, is **Shariah versus Man-Made Laws**.

Shariah is the law of Allah on earth. Shariah is Allah's governance on earth.

It is incumbent upon all Muslims to prefer Shariah over man-made laws, because Allah said in **Surah at-Tin (95:8)**:

أَلَيْسَ ٱللَّهُ بِأَحْكَمِ ٱلْحَاكِمِينَ

"Is not Allah the Best of Judges?"

So when you prefer man-made laws over Shariah, you are not convinced about this ayah.

Allah also said in **Surah al-Ma'idah (5:44)**:

وَمَن لَّمْ يَحْكُم بِمَا أَنزَلَ ٱللَّهُ فَأُوْلَـٰٓئِكَ هُمُ ٱلْكَـٰفِرُونَ

“And whoever does not judge by what Allah has revealed — then it is those who are the disbelievers.”

The Superiority of Shariah

When you buy a TV or a laptop made by Sony, the manual must come from Sony, not from Samsung or Toshiba or HP. The manufacturer gives the manual.

Allah created us and gave us a manual. That manual is the Qur’an.

Some people claim you are not allowed to say “the Holy Qur’an.” That claim is rubbish. Allah’s words are holy. The Qur’an is holy.

Allah tells us in **Surah al-Baqarah (2:216)**:

وَٱللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ وَأَنتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ

“Allah knows and you do not know.”

Allah knows our natural instincts better than we do. Therefore we have no choice but to follow Shariah.

When some people hear the word “Shariah,” the first thing that comes to mind is chopping off hands and throwing gays from buildings. That is a very poor outlook on Shariah.

When Shariah comes, the first thing it does is uproot poverty from society with Zakat. You are not allowed to cut off the hand of a thief if he is starving.

When ‘Umar رضي الله عنه was the Caliph, they suffered famine for three years and he suspended the law of cutting off hands because of the hardship.

Shariah launches a war against poverty. A woman becomes a prostitute because she is hungry. A man becomes a thief because he is hungry.

‘Umar رضي الله عنه would not go to bed unless he was sure every Muslim in the state had food to eat.

The Six Sacred Things Protected by Shariah

Shariah protects six sacred things that man-made laws cannot protect:

1. **Our lives Surah al-Baqarah (2:179)**: “And there is life for you in legal retribution, O people of understanding, that you may become righteous.”
2. **Our wealth** We cut the hand of the professional thief to protect wealth.
3. **Our honour** You need four witnesses who saw the act clearly to accuse someone of zina.
4. **Our intellect (‘aql)** We kill drug smugglers and chop off the heads of those who bring drugs into the state.
5. **Our lineage** A Muslim woman is not allowed to open her door to a non-mahram man.
6. **Our deen** The Caliph must protect the creed of the people from kufr, shirk, and zandaqa.

Shariah vs Man-Made Laws – Clear Examples

- In Shariah, we believe in **prevention**. In man-made laws, they believe in **intervention**.
- In Shariah, we do not allow alcohol to be produced, imported, or sold.
- In man-made laws, they allow alcohol and then test your breath when you drive drunk.
- In Shariah, we do not allow sex shops and pornography.
- In man-made laws, they allow pornography and then punish rapists after the crime.
- In Shariah, honour is protected.
- In man-made laws, a woman can sell her sex story to tabloids for a million dollars.

Man-made laws say ignorance of the law is no excuse.
Shariah says if you did something haram out of genuine ignorance, the Caliph does not punish you (as in the case of the woman who went to bed with her slave boy in the time of ‘Umar رضي الله عنه).

The Danger of Preferring Man-Made Laws

Allah said in **Surah an-Nisa (4:60)**:

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى ٱلَّذِينَ يَزْعُمُونَ أَنَّهُمْ ءَامَنُواْ بِمَآ أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ وَمَآ أُنزِلَ مِن قَبْلِكَ يُرِيدُونَ أَن يَتَحَاكَمُوٓاْ إِلَى ٱلطَّـٰغُوتِ

“Have you not seen those who claim to believe in what was revealed to you and what was revealed before you? They want to refer legislation to Taghut (false judges) while they were ordered to reject it.”

Ibn Taymiyyah, Ibn Kathir, and many others stated it is the ijma’ of the Muslims that whoever replaces the Shariah with man-made laws is a kafir.

End of Lecture.

May Allah grant us the understanding to prefer Shariah over man-made laws and to live under the shade of the Caliphate. Ameen.

Jazakumullahu khayran for listening.
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